

VILLA ISOLATES TREVINO'S ARMY

Bandits Planning to Attack the
Weak Garrisons at Parral
and Torreon.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION CUT

Rebels Now Control Parts of Chi-
huahua and Durango—Washing-
ton Won't Hurry Guards.

Chihuahua City, Mex., July 17.—All lines of communication from here southward have been cut off by Villa. Intense excitement prevails here. The bandit is believed on his way to take the city. A train that started early this morning for Mexico City returned late this afternoon with a report that the railroad track north of Jimenez had been torn up for miles. Telegraph and telephone wires also have been cut.

Villa's action isolates Gen. Jacinto Trevino's large force here, and prevents re-enforcement being sent to the small Carranzista garrisons at Parral and Torreon. The bandit is reported to have divided his force, numbering eight thousand men. One division is marching on Torreon, while the other will attack Parral.

Aims at Chihuahua City.

Following the capture of these points, it is believed here, Villa will reunite his forces and march on Chihuahua City. His chief base now is at Cerro Gordo, about fifty miles south of Parral.

El Paso, Tex., July 17.—Gen. George Bell, Jr., received information today verifying the report from Chihuahua City that communication south of that point had been interrupted.

It is the official opinion of the United States military commanders in this district that "Pancho" Villa is now in absolute control of the southern part of the Chihuahua and Durango districts. Reports received by General Bell show that Villa is in command of a formidable army that is well supplied with horses and ammunition.

Has Fifty Machine Guns.

A part of this equipment consists of fifty machine guns and two small cannons. Another significant report reaching Washington today came in a telegram from General Pershing, transmitted by General Funston, which said that General Trevino had sent an army south to check Villistas advancing northward.

While this report showed activity on the part of Trevino that was gratifying to officials, it was accepted also as evidence that the Villistas revolutionary movement is assuming more menacing proportions. General Funston's telegram follows:

"Pershing reports seventeen Carranza prisoners captured by bandits were recaptured near Chihuahua. (Presumably by Carranzistas.) Also reports that Trevino has sent many troops south with the intention of occupying a line between Guerrero, San Berja and Santa Rosalia against any possible northward advance of Villistas. Chihuahua papers urge the necessity of active campaign against bandits in order to prevent their menacing the United States forces on the border."

Won't Hurry Rest of Guard.

Washington, July 17.—The War department sent orders today to all department commanders to delay transportation to the border of national guard organizations now mobilizing until thoroughly equipped and organized. The order affects about 25,000 men still held in the camps. The latest information of the department is that about 100,000 national guardsmen now are at the border. With the 50,000 regulars there and 5,000 additional men called from the reserves, officials estimate that there are sufficient forces to cope with any present emergencies.

Will Try to Crush Villa.

Chihuahua City, Mex., July 15.—General Matias Ramos, directing the government forces operating against Villista bands in southern Chihuahua, is redispersing his troops preparatory to a quick, powerful drive which it is hoped will break the outlaw's power in that section. General Jacinto Trevino, military commander of the northeast announced tonight.

Reports from General Ramos, who has established his base of operations at Parral, said that he had the main bandit forces practically surrounded south of Sombre Retillo and expected to force a fight as soon as he had his local commands disposed to his liking.

Repair Damage by Bandits.

General Ernesto Garcia, commanding the Parral garrison, also reported to General Trevino today that all danger of a successful attack upon the town by the bandits had vanished

with the arrival of General Ramos troops. These, he said, have repaired the railroad and telegraph lines from Jimenez to Parral, which the bandits destroyed in several places on their retreat.

General Trevino announced that reports from all other points in his district, including Tampico, indicated quiet. He discussed also the possibility of assigning some of the large forces of the troops at his command at garrisons in the mining centers of the state, that the mining and smelting industries may shortly resume operations.

A declaration that he and all the other members of the Carranza government are mutually united with the firm determination of establishing order in Mexico, was made today by General Jacinto Trevino.

Makes Vigorous Denial.

General Trevino said he made the statement because he had received private information that part of the American press was declaring that he had revolted from General Carranza and was even planning to ally himself with Villa.

Fusillade on Border.

San Antonio, Tex., July 15.—To company C, Second Texas Infantry, commanded by Captain A. S. Horton, came the distinction today of being the first of the national guard to exchange shots with Mexicans, when they prevented a raiding party from crossing the Rio Grande near Donna, Tex.

Six armed Mexicans attempting to enter American territory at 3 o'clock in the morning were detected by the outpost. They were ordered to halt, but continued advancing. The Texans opened fire. The fire was returned, but discontinued after a minute, the Mexicans hurrying back to their own country.

None of the Americans was injured, and it is believed none of the Mexicans was hit.

Peace Parley Begins.

Washington, July 15.—President Wilson and his cabinet went over today the preliminary proposals for settlement by diplomatic negotiations of difficulties with Mexico, framed by acting Secretary Polk of the state department and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate. Mr. Polk declined to say whether decision had been reached when he left the cabinet meeting.

Agents of the department of justice today increased their vigilance to prevent the passage of arms and ammunition across the Mexican border as a result of reports of suspected smuggling activities.

An official dispatch to the Mexican embassy late today announced that a small garrison of Zapata troops had been virtually annihilated in a fight with Carranza forces at Milpa Alta, about thirty miles from Mexico City.

Carranza Men Lean to Villa.

San Antonio, Tex., July 14.—Information indicating that the garrison at Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex., would join any considerable body of Villa's men moving northward instead of resisting them was received at General Funston's headquarters today. The information contained no intimation that Colonel Rojas, commanding at Ojinaga, was lacking in loyalty, but doubt of his ability to hold his 700 men was expressed. Many of them formerly were in Villa's command.

Army officers here are convinced that Villa personally is directing rebel operations south and east of Chihuahua, and that after attacking a force of Carranzistas near Parral, he sent one detachment of his newly-formed army in a northerly direction. Efforts to get definite information as to the present location of the detachment have been unsuccessful.

Chihuahua, July 14.—General Ignacio Enriquez, formerly civil governor of Chihuahua, who has been in Mexico City for some time, in conference with General Carranza, has not left that city, according to a message received today by General Jacinto Trevino.

Rumors have spread in the last few days that General Enriquez and three other Carranza officers were taken from a train by a Villa force while on their way here from Mexico City and executed. This was denied by General Trevino, who also issued a formal denial that he had made any sort of disavowal of General Carranza. This, he said, was in answer to statements published in the United States to the effect that he had revolted against the first chief.

Bliss at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., July 14.—General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff, arrived here tonight. He was met by General Funston and taken to his headquarters, where the two conferred until late regarding troop dispositions and the state of the national guard.

General Bliss refused to discuss the character of his mission other than to say he would study the militia. He will make a careful inspection of the camps where guardsmen are concentrated in large numbers, going in a few days to Brownsville. He was accompanied here by Lieutenant Colonel McNair, who has been made a brigadier general of the New York national guard, and Major Dennis Nolan.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND

British Enthusiasm Aroused by
Reports of Successes in
East and West.

KUROPATKIN STARTS A DRIVE

Russian General Launches Offensive
Against Von Hindenburg on Dvina
River—Smash Teutons.

London, July 18.—The successes of the Entente Allies are following each other with great rapidity. Today brought news of further important gains for them on both the western and eastern fronts, arousing enthusiasm among the British public hardly less than that caused by the reception of the first news of the allied offensive.

The report of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig today shows that the steady pressure of the British arms is forcing an ever-deepening salient into the German lines, and the commander-in-chief for the first time produces evidence in the shape of documents captured from the Germans giving testimony as to the high price the Germans are paying in casualties.

Slavs Smashed Through.

The British have improved their position along almost the whole of their line of the battle front. These gains bring the British almost to the crest of the Albert Plateau, where stretches the German third line.

The news from the eastern front today was equally important. The Russian commander, General Kuropatkin, has launched an offensive against Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the Dvina river, and General Von Linsingen's troops southwest of Lutske have been compelled to retire behind the Lipa river. General Von Linsingen's retirement, according to the Petrograd military critics, represents a great Russian tactical success. It was preceded by heavy fighting in which the Russians smashed the Teuton front on a width of a mile and penetrated several miles into their positions.

Warn Against Overconfidence.

While the powers of endurance of the Teutonic Allies, should they be forced to act entirely on the defensive, have still to be tested, the British nation is full of confidence. It is taking nothing for granted, however, but is fully prepared to acquiesce in the advice of its leading ministers, like Foreign Secretary Grey and Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna, who are publicly exhorting the nation to the need of patience.

FARM CREDIT BILL NOW A LAW

Washington, July 18.—President Wilson today signed the Rural Credits bill. It provides establishment of a system of land mortgage banks to handle long time mortgage loans to farmers.

On invitation of the President, many interested in the initiation of the rural credit system were present at its signing. These included House and Senate members who handled the bill. Before he signed the bill the President said:

"On occasions of this sort there are so many things to say that one would despair of saying them briefly and adequately, but I cannot go through the simple ceremony of signing this bill without expressing the feeling that I have in signing it. It is a feeling not only of profound satisfaction, but of real gratitude that we have completed this piece of legislation which I hope will be immensely beneficial to the farmers of the country."

"The farmers, it seems to me, have occupied hitherto a singular position of disadvantage. They have not had the same freedom to get credit on their real assets that others have had who were in manufacturing and commercial enterprises. And while they sustained our life, they did not, in the same degree with others, share in the benefits of that life. Therefore, this bill, along with the very liberal provisions of the federal reserve act, puts them on an equality with all others who have genuine assets and makes the great credit of the country available to them."

"One cannot but feel this is delayed justice to them and cannot but feel that it is a very gratifying thing to play any part in doing this act of justice. I look forward to the benefits of this bill, not with extravagant expectations, but with confident expectations that it will be of very wide reaching benefit, and, incidentally, it will be of advantage to the community, for I can imagine no more satisfactory and solid investment than this system will afford those who have money to use. I sign the bill, therefore, with real emotion."

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the new \$150,000 administration building of the Warrensburg Normal School were held recently on the Normal campus. Officers of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M. of Missouri were in charge. The ceremonies were attended by five thousand persons. Governor Major, who had promised to be on hand to deliver an address, failed to put in an appearance. Addresses were made by Grand Master Jesse, Judge Edward Higbee, C. A. Keith, president of the board of regents, and E. L. Hendricks, president of the faculty.

Five deaths resulted in Joplin the other day from an epidemic of ileocolitis among babies. Within the last ten days there have been fifteen fatalities here from the malady, which physicians declare to be infectious and similar in its early stages to infantile paralysis.

Frank Steele, a laborer 25 years old, was drowned recently in the Nodaway river, nine miles west of Savannah. He had been working with a rip-rap gang and went in for a swim. The body was recovered about ten minutes after drowning.

Six officers and 115 enlisted men of the Missouri naval reserve have left St. Louis for Philadelphia to board the battleship Rhode Island for a ten-days' cruise. Part of the reserves were from Kansas City.

Two cases of infantile paralysis were discovered at Moberly recently, according to Dr. S. P. Towles, county health officer. Measures are being taken to prevent the disease from spreading in this county.

The first wheat of the new crop in Green county was marketed at Springfield recently. It brought 95 cents a bushel. Threshing is in full blast. The yield is poor.

A brass spur worn by General Alexander W. Doniphan through the entire war with Mexico in 1846 will be presented to the Jackson County Historical Society by Mrs. Hugh Miller, a member of the Kansas City chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The spur was given to Mrs. Miller's grandfather, Andrew Robertson, by General Doniphan, when the troops returned from the war. It has since remained in the family.

Frank Matherson, cashier of the First National Bank at Adrian, was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured the other night when he leaped out of the second story window of his home in his sleep. He had dreamed he was about to be run over by a train and jumped in an effort to escape.

Mrs. S. J. Hays, 67 years old, mother of Mrs. Richard Spicker, wife of the foreman of the Macon Republican, committed suicide recently by hanging. She had been in feeble health mentally for some time.

A motor car belonging to and driven by Tom Edwards, candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative from Chariton county, and occupied by Prosecuting Attorney Roy McKittrick, C. E. Osborn and Clarence Brummell, plunged over a twenty-foot embankment into the Missouri river near Rockford when Edwards lost control of the car on a sharp turn. The men escaped with scratches, but the car was wrecked.

Dr. Thomas Irwin, thirty years a practicing physician at Moberly, is dead.

The Farmers Hotel at Mountain Grove was completely destroyed by fire recently together with contents. Owing to headway of fire before discovered several guests and others had narrow escapes.

Phillip Smith, 66 years old, a blacksmith, died at Chillicothe as a result of an injury received when an emery wheel broke. A part of the wheel struck Smith on the head, crushing his skull.

Dr. S. G. Popplewell, who for nearly forty years practiced medicine at Montaville, Vernon county, died of cancer of the stomach at the home of his son, Dr. W. H. Popplewell, of Sheldon, the other morning.

The citizens of Butler have purchased a new motor truck, which will be presented to the boys of Company B of the Second Regiment, National Guard of Missouri, who are Butler's contribution to the border service. The truck is to be used to relieve the company of its heavy equipment, for ambulance service and for carrying stores of water and ice.

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Washington Park, Ill.—"I am the mother of four children and have suffered with female trouble, backache, nervous spells and the blues. My children's loud talking and romping would make me so nervous I could just tear everything to pieces and I would ache all over and feel so sick that I would not want anyone to talk to me at times. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills restored me to health and I want to thank you for the good they have done me. I have had quite a bit of trouble and worry but it does not affect my youthful looks. My friends say 'Why do you look so young and well?' I owe it all to the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies."



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Monoclonus Itself Again.

A monoclonus, only a few million years old, but scrambled apart like Humpty-Dumpty, has been put together again by Barnum Brown and mounted in the American Museum of Natural History. Mr. Brown found his three-horned dinosaur, with its five-foot skull and relatively small brain, entombed in the rocks of Alberta, Canada, where it once had roamed through tropical glades. Hardly a piece was missing of the 17 feet from tip of tail to nose. But the pieces had to be sorted. This cretaceous, herb-eating animal was rich in toes and teeth. In the mouth, which was guarded by a horny sheath, nestled 60 teeth, 30 in each jaw and double rooted. Five toes graced each of the front and hind feet. Many of these toes were adorned by hoofs. The specimen is considered a rare find.

So He Did.

"This is a muddy spot," said the girl. "In such a case Sir Walter Raleigh spread out his cloak for Queen Elizabeth to walk on."

"It would be more sensible for me to carry you over," responded the young man, "and a heap more fun."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sure Sign.

"Did you say that Jagers was bent on this scheme?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then I know it is something crooked."

Liferal Way.

"I heard the spoony young couple I passed say they wanted to drink in the starry night. How did they suppose they could do it?"

"Well, there's the Dipper."

Almost any woman can make her husband tremble by merely saying that she has just heard something about him.

Stop That Ache!

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A Kansas Case

"My Picture Tells a Story" Mrs. N. A. Harris, 612 E. Wall St., Fort Scott, Kan., says: "My kidneys acted too often and I had to pass the secretions every few minutes. They were scanty, filled with sediment and the pain I endured in passing them was a fearful, my back then got to aching. A doctor told me an operation was the only means of a permanent cure. I kept getting worse until I took Doan's Kidney Pills. Today I weigh 135 pounds and am once more the strong, healthy woman I used to be."

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